

Georgia Tree Council, Inc.
Third Quarter Program
Growing Communities and Trees ... Together
Cobb Civic Center, Marietta GA
August 6, 2024



Program Agenda

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Welcome

Mary Lynne Beckley, Executive Director, Georgia Tree Council

10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Trees and a Marietta Streetscape: Transforming the historic downtown area of Marietta into an active destination for visitors to the area

Marietta City Arborist **Rich Deckman**, PLA, ISA, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities

Rich will discuss how the project was initiated; the phased approach to the implementation, means, methods and experimentation; and the status of the work.

The Evolution of the Cobb Tree Ordinance

Cobb County Arborist **Bragg Vaughn**, RLA, ISA Certified Arborist

We'll hear about the growth of the Cobb county tree ordinance, the challenges of defending it from those that wish to change it to benefit particular interests; adapting it to incorporate new technologies and practices; and updating it so that it better addresses specific types of development that may not have been common in Cobb when the ordinance was first adopted, such as mixed-use development, high density student housing, tear/down rebuilds, and EV charging stations.

11:00 a.m. – noon

The Case for Expanding our Palette of Native Trees in Commercial Development

Steve Sanchez, Principal, HGOR Landscape Architecture & Planning

Steve will explore the efforts to expand our native plant selections and how they are being designed into commercial developments. This will include Rowen, Westside Park, Grant Park and the new Trees Atlanta Treehouse, among others.

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Living with Trees: Promoting Eco-Literacy and Embracing Atlanta's Urban Forest

Edward Morrow, ISA-Certified Arborist® and Author

Living with Trees (LWT) is a neighborhood, tree walk-and-learn program created by the Atlanta nonprofit Eco-Addendum. Master Naturalist Kathryn Kolb and ISA Certified Arborist ® Edward Morrow partner in providing this engaging programming in neighborhoods throughout metro Atlanta. LWT demonstrates how to recognize trees that may be at risk of falling before they create damage--lots of fascinating tree facts--and the surprising character and diversity among the trees right in our backyards. This program, made possible by The Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission, consists of live events and online presentations that help property-owners better understand how to live with trees in their community.

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